

# The Easy Glider

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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## Trip Changes

We've had a great response to our trips with over ninety spaces filled up so far. We decided, therefore, to make some changes to the schedule to better accommodate the demand. After all, it is our mission to provide as many skiing opportunities for club members as we can.

We've made the following changes:

### Mystery Trip (February 16-19):

We've announced a destination of Pulaski, NY, so this is no longer "The Mystery Trip"! The trip falls on what is a holiday weekend for many members so we should have an opportunity for good attendance. However, we think members are shy about committing to an unannounced destination. We're hoping an announced destination will bring out a crowd!

Pulaski, NY, is about a five-hour drive straight north on I-81 from Harrisburg. About an hour north of Syracuse, it is on the western edge of Tug Hill, home of the highest snow fall east of the Rockies! The area has an excellent mix of commercial and public cross-country ski venues including the Tug Hill Tourathon Ski Trail System, Salmon Hills Ski Touring Trails, Osceola Tug Hill X-Country Ski Center, Barnes Corners Ski Trails and others. Skiers of all ability levels will find just what they're looking for.

We'll be staying in motel-type accommodations and eating in local restaurants. As advertised in the Season

Guide, the \$50 deposit stands. And, \$150 remains our conservative estimate of what the total trip will cost each person.

### Inlet (Rocky Point), NY (March 2-5):

The trip to Inlet is a perennial favorite. While we usually rent three of the Rocky Point condos, we will expand the number to four this year, for a total capacity of twenty four or more skiers. Inlet has a multitude of choices for skiers of all abilities, ranging from public access golf course trails through groomed and tracked commercial trails to more primitive back country trails, each better than the last! In addition, when the muscles get too sore, a short drive will transport you to shopping and restaurants in the villages of Inlet and Old Forge. Rental equipment is available in nearby shops, there are many places to snow shoe and there's even a downhill area in Old Forge!

### Crystal Lake, PA (January 19-21):

While we're not making any changes on this trip, we think it important to emphasize just how good a trip this is!

- First and foremost, Crystal lake has some of the best designed, most enjoyable ski trails we've skied anywhere! And, there are trails suitable to skiers of all abilities.
- Second, the elevation and configuration of the area holds snow when there is none just a few miles away, so your chance for good skiing conditions is excellent.
- Third, the ski shop rents gear and arranges lessons. So bring your friends who wonder what this sport is all about... They'll love the place and the sport!
- Finally, many folks consider Crystal Lake an excellent place to go on a day trip; and it is. However, it's hard to beat skiing directly out the door of the lovely, Adirondack-style Laughlin Lodge where we stay.

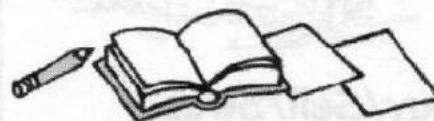
Don't think about it ... DO it!

## Don Ebright

It is with regret that we note the passing of Don Ebright, long-time and active member of the Kick'n Gliders.

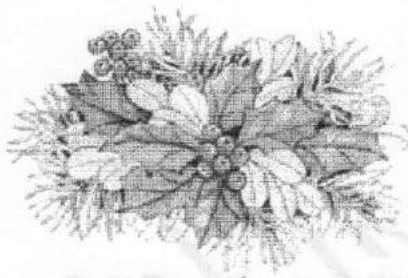
Don was a dedicated outdoorsman who was active in the Nordic Ski Patrol organization and who patrolled in several ski areas including Crystal Lake. He was an expert on outdoor safety and survival skills and provided many outstanding programs for the club, including his last program a couple of years ago.

Don was a friend of many Kick'n Glider members and will be sorely missed.



## They's Due, Dude!

- What?** Dues .. they do be due!
- Who, me?** If 'ya got a red star, yeah, you!
- Where?** On the address label of this newsletter!
- Already?** Like yesterday! ... well, before the end of the year.
- How?** Follow the instructions on the enclosed application and release!
- Thanks!**



## Christmas Party!

Join the club for our annual holiday party to be held at Dave LeRoy's home at our regular meeting time, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 20. This is a special occasion, with lots of socializing.

There will be food and drink aplenty because, as usual, we're asking you to bring it with you! Yes, please bring your favorite party fare (food, drink ... or dare I say both) to share with your friends. Then consume this repast as you reminisce about the good old days (when snow actually fell in Pennsylvania) and the future (when it will actually get cold enough to snow, again, in Pennsylvania).

Note the lovely map on the right side of this page.

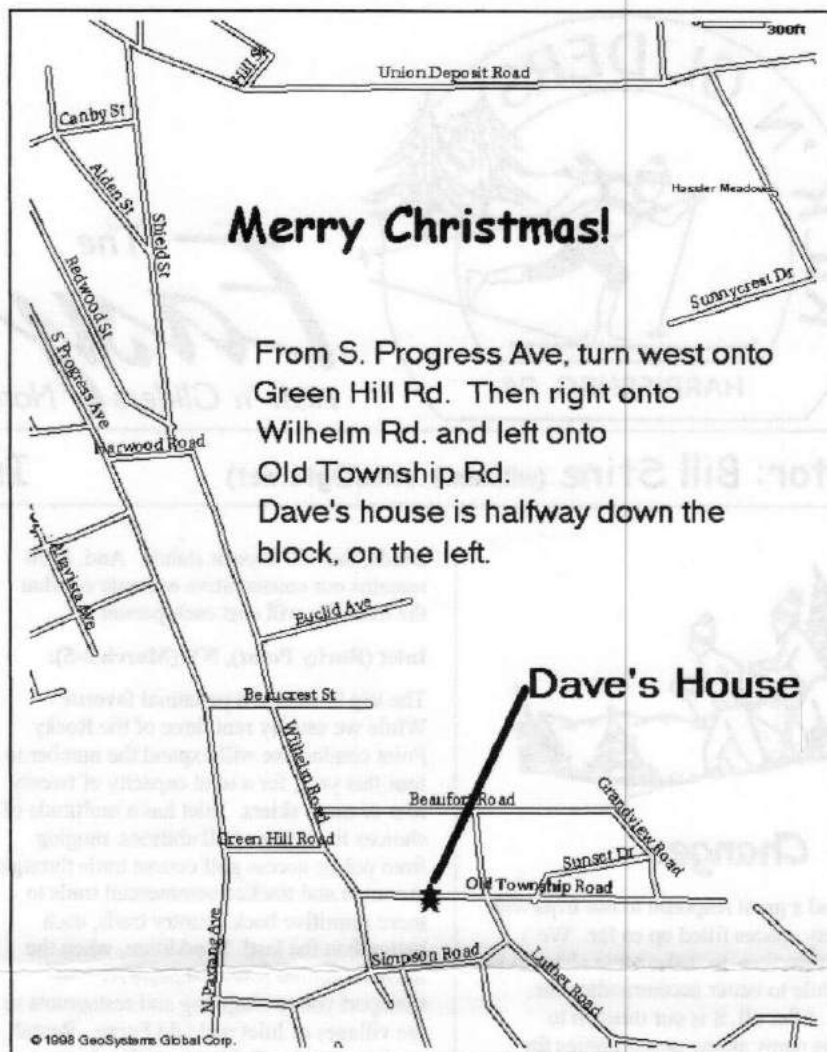
**See you there!**



## Buy/Sell/Swap

**Wanted to Buy:** Female, new to XC skiing, is looking for basic, used equipment to get started. Jennifer is about 5' 7" and 155 lbs. She wears size 8 1/2 shoes and would probably need skis about 180 cm long. If you have gear to sell that would fit the bill, please call Bob Hockersmith at 717-264-5947 or e-mail at rhockersmith@cvns.net.

**For Sale:** Children's strap-on skis and poles, brand new! \$25 or best offer. Call Bill & Sandy Stine at 717-392-1675 or e-mail at william.t.stine@gte.net.



## Biking TransAmerica

### Slide Show - Jan 2 Meeting

The TransAmerica Route was developed in 1976 to commemorate the Bicentennial. It was originally called the BikeCentennial Route ... from Astoria, OR, to Yorktown, VA, and was developed by the Adventure Cycling Organization, based in Missoula, MT.

Ed and Carole Rockland followed the route from Astoria to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and then split off to follow the valley to Pennsylvania. Beginning on June 14th and averaging 55 miles per day, they reached Palmyra on September 16th for a total of 4,600 miles. States covered included Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

Ed and Carole recently retired from teaching and are members of the Harrisburg Bicycle Club.

Please join us for what promises to be an outstanding presentation!

## Ox Roasted

Thirty club members and their guests enjoyed the annual Ox Roast this year. The event was held on October 21 at Dick & Marti Ruben's beautiful old home in New Cumberland. Members traded summer tales and perused the season ski trip guide, beginning the process of filling the slots on trips.

There was a major break in the ox roasting method this year. Our usual chef, Bill Winebrenner, could not attend and no one else felt competent to use the rock pit method for roasting. So, Marti Ruben, with the help of Nancy Kauh, cooked the ox inside, in a regular oven. The roast was not quite the usual adventure, but the old hands agreed that it was, at least, a bit more predictable ... and delicious!

An after-dinner slide show of Wanda and Charlie Cole's four-month stay in New Zealand and Ric Begley's slides of Utah mountain biking was a hit.

Thanks, especially, to the Rubens for their hospitality and to Nancy Kauh for coordinating yet another outstanding affair!

## Oops ...

### Changes to Meeting Schedule

Your leadership screwed up. We moved our program meetings to Wednesday nights and that was a baaaaad thing! Turns out there were conflicts aplenty for faithful meeting attendees.

So, we'll admit our mistake and set it right. Program meetings are hereby moved back to the first Tuesday of each month, beginning with the January meeting. The social meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month, remain as originally scheduled. So, the official meeting schedule follows.

**Note:** We've filled in the program schedule.

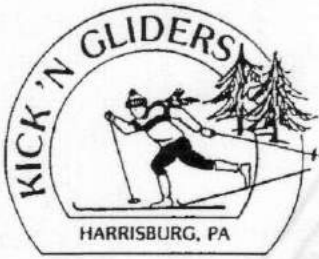
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## Revised Meeting Schedule for 2000

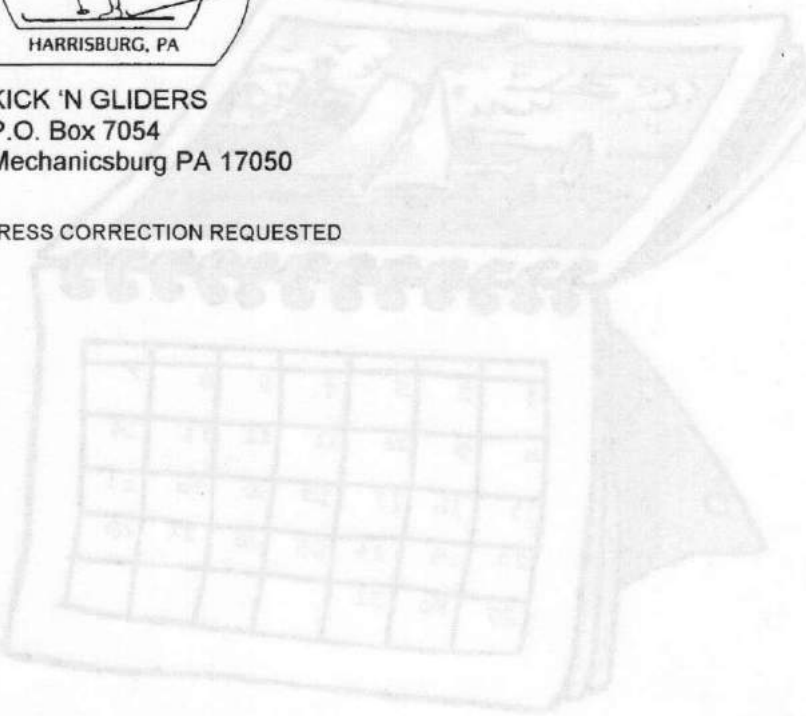
Wed., December 6, 2000, 7:30 pm <b>Prog: New XC Equipment &amp; Trends</b>	Wed., December 20, 2000, 7:30 pm <b>Christmas Party</b> , Dave LeRoy's Home
Tue., January 2, 2001, 7:30 pm <b>Prog: Bike Trip Slides, Astoria, OR, to Palmyra</b> - Ed & Carole Rockland	Wed., January 17, 2001, 7:30 pm <b>Social: Outback Steakhouse</b> 564-5082
Tue., February 6, 2001, 7:30 pm <b>Prog: North Island, New Zealand, Slide Show</b> - Charlie and Wanda Cole	Wed., February 21, 2001, 7:30 pm <b>Social: TGI Friday's</b> 652-4227
Tue., March 6, 2001, 7:30 pm <b>Prog: South Island, New Zealand Bike &amp; Tour Slide Show</b> - Dennis & Beth Major	Wed., March 21, 2001, 7:30 pm <b>Social: Chi-Chi's</b> 558-8377
Tue., April 3, 2001, 7:30 pm <b>Prog: Planning Meeting</b>	





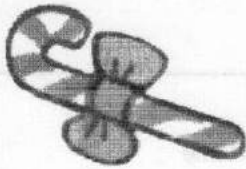
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PLEASE - Read this Entire Issue!



Annual  
Christmas Party! Trip Changes!

... oh yeah, and DUES!

Meeting Dates Changed!  
Program Details!